

## Reading Skill: Understanding Cause and Effect

### Example 1

For northerners, winter without rain and snow is nice. By spring, though, the lack of rain may lead to a water shortage.

Cause		Effect
winter without rain and snow	→	water shortage

### Example 2

The teenager played in a rock band at high volume. Now, as a young adult, he has trouble hearing music or the news on TV.

Cause		Effect
loud music	→	hearing loss

### Example 3

To build new homes, developers chopped down all the trees. Birds moved away to find other trees for nests. The residents in the new houses complained about the mosquitoes.

Cause		Effect/Cause		Effect
no trees	→	birds moved away	→	mosquitoes increased